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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Richard Axel and Kristin Scott
Serial No. : 10/081,816 Examiner: J. Ulm
Filed : February 22, 2002 Art Unit: 1649
For : CHEMOSENSORY GENE FAMILY ENCODING GUSTATORY
AND OLFACTORY RECEPTORS AND USES THEREOF

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May 25, 2006

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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the November 25, 2005 Final Office Action. A response to the Office Action was originally due February 25, 2006. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FIVE HUNDRED AND TEN DOLLARS (\$510.00), and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the November 25, 2005 Final Office Action is due May 25, 2006. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$510.00 fee for a three-month extension, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

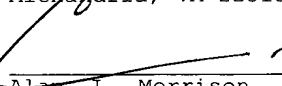
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